

I-49 Inner City Connector
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The proposed project is an approximate 3.8 mile new freeway designed to connect existing I-49 at its current junction with I-20 to future I-49 North at its proposed junction with I-220. The project study area contains a predominantly low-income African-American population. The NEPA and Environmental Justice programs provided comments on the Draft Agency Coordination and Public Involvement Plan (Plan). The purpose of the Plan is to define the process by which information will be communicated to the public and to the lead, cooperating, participating, and other agencies.

Due to potential significant adverse impacts to minorities and low-income individuals, religious institutions, and minority-owned businesses, EPA recommended the project team consider creating a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). We also recommended forming a plan of action for involving and disseminating information to the elderly and disabled.